



GP/1764
PATENT
TH1949

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/841,000
Filing Date: April 24, 2001
Inventors: de Rouffignac et al.
Title: IN SITU THERMAL
PROCESSING OF A
HYDROCARBON
CONTAINING FORMATION
TO INCREASE A
PERMEABILITY OF THE
FORMATION

§ Examiner: unknown
§ Group/Art Unit: 1764
§ Atty. Dkt. No: 5659-02400/EBM

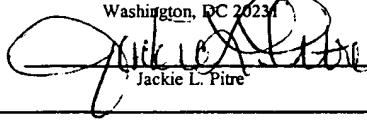
**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8**

DATE OF DEPOSIT: 3-13-02

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on the date indicated above and is addressed to:

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Jackie L. Pitre



Lee
8/B
4/29/02

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

*COPY OF PAPERS
ORIGINALLY FILED*

RECEIVED
MAR 13 2002
10 1700

In the Drawings:

Applicant respectfully requests that the changes shown in red on the enclosed drawings (FIGS. 23a, 23b, 32, 56, 57, 67, 68, 72, 73, 76, 81a, and 97) be approved by the Examiner in the above-identified application.

RECEIVED

APR 05 2002

GROUP 3000

In the Specification:

Listed below is a clean copy of amended paragraphs of the Specification. A marked-up copy indicating the amended paragraphs of the Specification is provided in an accompanying document.